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/\*\*\*\*\* THIS IS A COMBINED MESSAGE \*\*\*\*\*/

BODY

COUNTRY: (U) SOUTH AFRICA (SF).

SUBJ: (U) SADF PRESENCE IN NATAL: 1000

MORE TROOPS FOR NATAL.(U).

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- DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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SOURCE: A. (U) DAILY NEWSPAPER, "BUSINESS DAY,"  
JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA, 900215 (U), IN ENGLISH.  
B. (U) CONSERVATIVE DAILY NEWSPAPER, "THE CITIZEN"  
JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA, 900215 (U), IN ENGLISH.

C. [REDACTED]

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SUMMARY: (U) SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT IS TO DEPLOY 1000  
ADDITIONAL TROOPS IN NATAL DUE TO ESCALATING VIOLENCE IN  
SPITE OF A REPORTED END TO SADF INVOLVEMENT IN TOWNSHIP  
DUTY ELSEWHERE. THE SADF HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO INTERVENE  
AS A DETERRENT. 2 ENCLOSURES.

TEXT: 1. (U) SOURCE A STATES THE GOVERNMENT IS TO DEPLOY  
AN EXTRA 1000 TROOPS IN NATAL BECAUSE OF ESCALATING  
VIOLENCE AND A SEVERE POLICE MANPOWER SHORTAGE THERE.  
THIS WAS JUST ONE OF SEVERAL EMERGENCY MEASURES ANNOUNCED  
BY LAW AND ORDER MINISTER ADRIAAN VLOK IN PARLIAMENT ON 14  
FEB 90, AS THE DEATH TOLL FROM UNREST SINCE THE BEGINING  
OF THE YEAR REACHED 249. VLOK SAID 42 PEOPLE HAD DIED  
DURING 89 INCIDENTS OF UNREST SINCE 11 FEB 90. A TOTAL OF  
230 HOMES HAD BEEN DESTROYED BETWEEN 11 AND 13 FEB. VLOK  
SAID THAT ALTHOUGH EUPHORIA OVER ANC LEADER NELSON  
MANDELLA'S RELEASE WAS UNDERSTANDABLE, MURDER AND  
DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY WERE "UNACCEPTABLE. HIS RELEASE  
IS NO FREE PASS TO VIOLENCE AND CHAOS."

[REDACTED] THERE HAVE BEEN LESS THAN 800 SADF TROOPS

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SUPPORTING POLICE IN TOWNSHIPS. THE BULK OF TH ESE TROOPS  
IS STATIONED IN NATAL. VLOK SAID ADDITIONAL MEASURES  
WHICH WOULD BE EMPLOYED TO PUT AN END TO THE ONGOING

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VIOLENCE WOULD INCLUDE: -SETTING UP MORE MOBILE POLICE STATIONS IN TOWNSHIPS; -UTILIZING MORE VEHICLES AND ADDITIONAL AIR SUPPORT; -AND DISPATCHING MORE DETECTIVES AND SECURITY PERSONNEL TO SUPPLEMENT EXISTING NUMBERS, AS WELL AS THE USE OF ALL AVAILABLE LEGAL MEANS TO ROUND UP AND PROSECUTE RINGLEADERS AND ORGANIZERS OF VIOLENCE. VLOK SAID THE TROOP DEPLOYMENT WAS A RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FROM RESPONSIBLE LEADERS. SINCE THE BEGINING OF THE YEAR, 249 PEOPLE HAD DIED AND 250 WERE INJURED IN 916 UNREST INCIDENTS. BETWEEN THE BEGINNING OF THE MONTH AND TUESDAY (13 FEB) 101 MORE HAD DIED AND 135 MORE WERE INJURED IN 656 INCIDENTS. VLOK ADDED THAT 19 SECURITY FORCE MEMBERS WERE MURDERED AND 104 SERIOUSLY INJURED DURING THE TWO YEARS OF VIOLENCE.

2. (U) SOURCE B STATES THAT THE INABILITY OF THE SAP TO PROVIDE SECURITY AND BRING CRIMINALS TO JUSTICE HAD REDUCED CONFIDENCE I N THE POLICE. SOURCE ADDED THAT SINCE THE SITUATION WAS WORSENING AND THE POLICE WERE NOT COPING THE SADF HAD BEEN REQUESTED TO INTERVENE AS A DETERRENT, BUT THAT THIS ACTION SHOULD NOT BE PERCEIVED AS AN INTERVENTION TO "ENFORCE OPPRESSIVE LAWS" BUT RATHER AS A MOVE TO ENSURE THE MAINTENANCE OF ORDER AND SECURITY.

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